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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST ITEM IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY - RUMORS

1. SEVERAL RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING AT GA IN CONNECTION WITH
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNDER MIDDLE EAST ITEM.

2. EGYPTIANS ARE SAID TO BE CONCERNED THAT ISRAEL PLANS TO
WITHDRAW ITS RESOLUTION AT LAST MINUTE AND SUBMIT AMENDMENTS TO
EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION (A/31/L.27). EGYPTIAN DEL SEEMS TO FAVOR
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL OF ITS RESOLUTION, PRESUMABLY BELIEVING
PROSPECT OF THREE RESOLUTIONS BEING ADOPTED (INCLUDING ISRAELI
RESOLUTION WITH NON-ALIGNED AMENDMENTS) WOULD DETRACT FROM
IMPACT OF ITS OWN RESOLUTION. EGYPTIAN DELOFF MADE POINT TO
USDELOFF THAT EGYPT WAS STILL BEING ACCUSED OF SACRIFICING
PLO BY OMITTING REF TO ITS PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE IN
L.27. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT EGYPT HAD INSISTED WITH ARAB
COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING PLO, ON REMAINING REF'S TO RESOLUTIONS 242
AND 338 IN AMENDMENTS TO ISRAELI RESOLUTION.

3. ANTOHER RUMOR HAS IT THAT ARABS AND/OR NONALIGNED MIGHT,
FOLLOWING ISRAELI ANTICIPATED WITHDRAWAL OF ITS RESOLUTION, TAKE
IT OVER, WITH NON-ALIGNED AMENDMENTS, AND SPONSOR IT AS THEIR
OWN. WE ARE INCLINED TO DISCOUNT THIS POSSIBILITY SINCE THERE
WOULD SEEM TO BE NO PARTICULAR GAIN FOR ARABS IN HAVING THREE
RESOLUTIONS, RATHER THAN TWO, ADOPTED ON SAME SUBJECT, AND
SYRIAN DRAFT (L.26) ALREADY COVERS POINTS THAT WOULD BE
INCLUDED IN AN AMENDED ISRAELI TEXT.

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